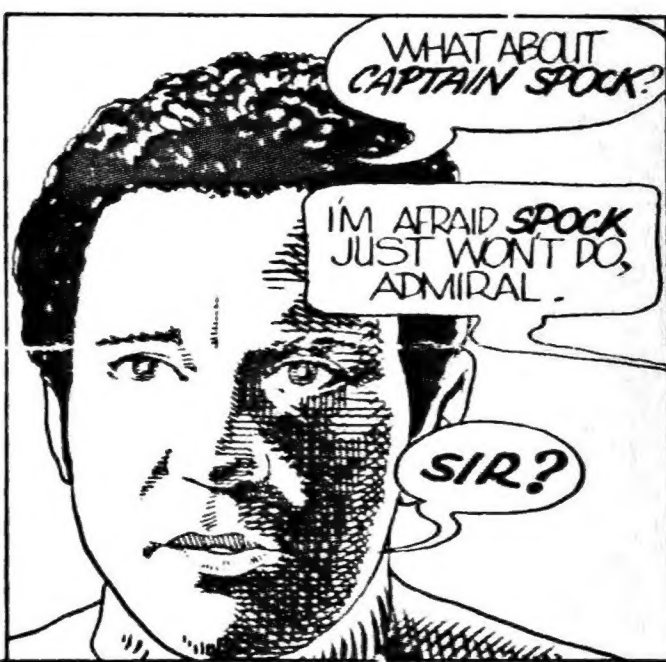
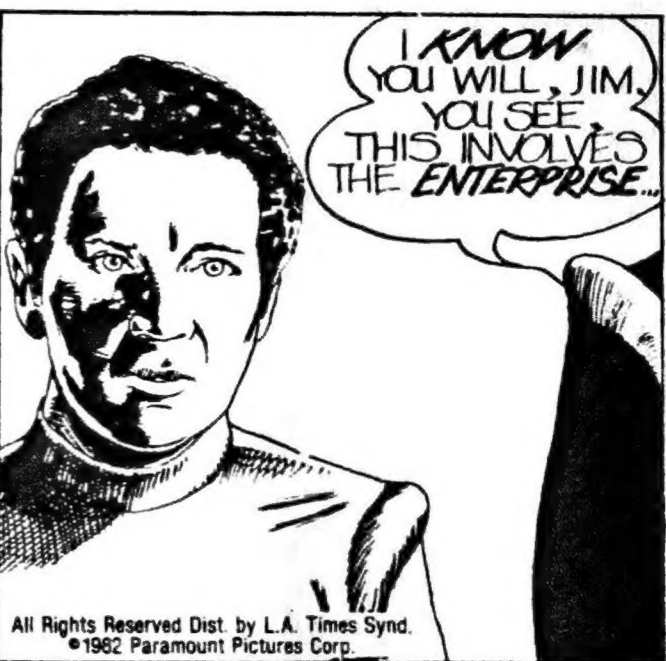


STAR TREK

CONWAY/MYERS







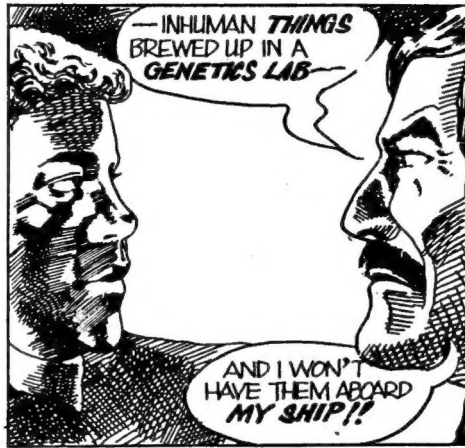
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UN-CLONED HUMANS
ALWAYS RESPOND
IRRATIONALLY WHEN
FIRST CONFRONTED
BY ONE OF OUR KIND.

COMMANDER
SCOT'S
REACTION
WAS
EXTREME--

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-- BUT HARDLY
UNUSUAL.

MAY WE SUGGEST
IMMEDIATE
DEPARTURE?
IT IS URGENT THAT
WE DELIVER OUR
MESSAGE WITHOUT DELAY!!

DOO
MYERS
2-25

300 IN ENGINEERING...

FREAKS!!

SLAM!

IF THEY
COME DOWN
HERE--

ADMIRAL, YOU ARE
IN COMMAND.
BY RIGHT, THE
CAPTAIN'S CHAIR
IS YOURS.

THANK YOU, SPOCK.
JUST BETWEEN
THE TWO OF US...

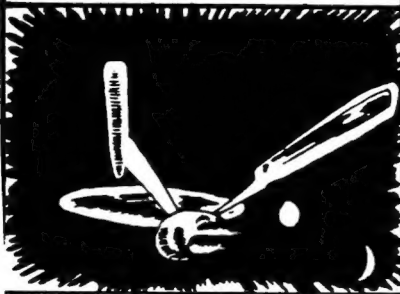
I WOULDN'T TRADE
THIS CONSOLE FOR
ALL THE DESKS
AT
STARFLEET COMMAND.

DOO
MYERS
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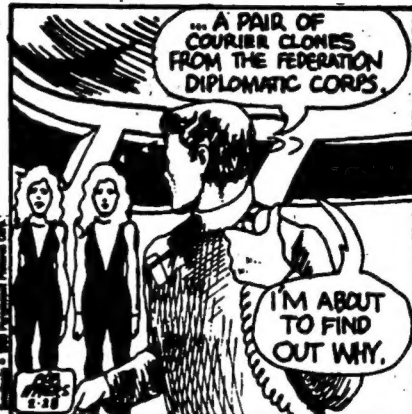


MR. SULLI...
TAKE HER OUT

CAPTAIN'S LOG:
STARDATE 9581.40. THE ENTERPRISE IS
EN ROUTE TO THE SANGDOOR
PRINCIPALITY, BEARING A
MESSAGE OF PEACE.



...BUT PEACE, IT SEEMS, IS FAR
FROM THE MINDS OF CERTAIN
CREW MEMBERS.





THE TWO OF
YOU HAVE THE
SAME NAME?



WHY SHOULD WE
NOT SHARE A
NAME, ADMIRAL
KIRK —

—WHEN WE
ARE THE SAME—
BEING, SPLIT
IN THREE?



IN THREE? BUT I
THOUGHT DIPLOMATIC
COURIER CLONES
WERE MERELY
TWINS—?

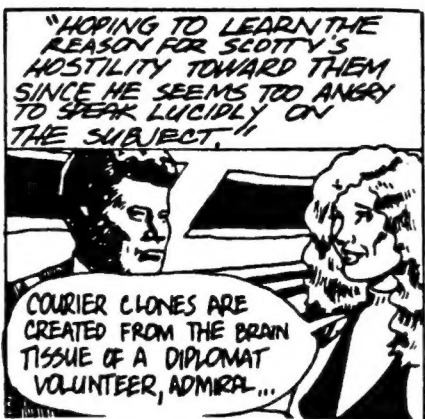
OBVIOUSLY, ADMIRAL
AN EXPLANATION
IS IN ORDER.



CAPTAIN'S LOG:

"PRETENDING IGNORANCE,
I QUESTIONED THE
COURIER CLONES ABOUT
THEIR PECULIAR BRANCH
OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS..."

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"HOPING TO LEARN THE
REASON FOR SCOTTY'S
HOSTILITY TOWARD THEM
SINCE HE SEEMS TOO ANGRY
TO SPEAK LUCIDLY ON
THE SUBJECT."

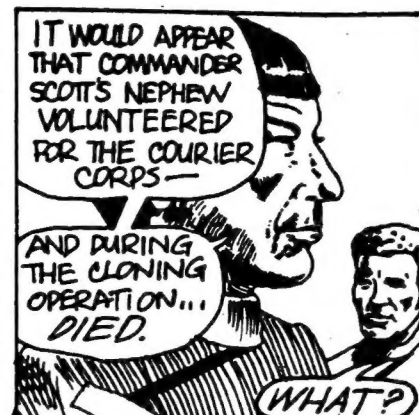
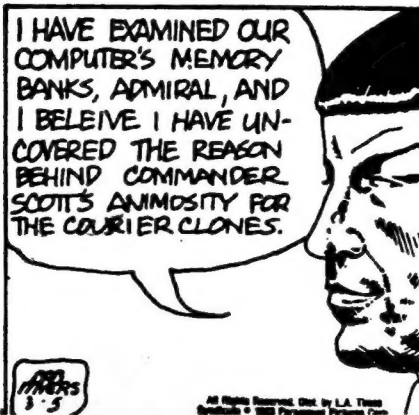
COURIER CLONES ARE
CREATED FROM THE BRAIN
TISSUE OF A DIPLOMAT
VOLUNTEER, ADMIRAL...



FROM THE ORIGINAL VOLUNTEER,
TWO CLONES ARE GROWN
IDENTICAL TO THE ORIGINAL
IN EVERY WAY...

SO IDENT-
ICAL EVEN
THE ORIGINAL
DONOR FINDS
IT IMPOSSIBLE
TO TELL
THEM APART!

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CAPTAIN'S LOG, STARDATE 9782.87:
"I'VE JUST LEARNED THE TRAGIC
REASON BEHIND COMMANDER
SCOTT'S HATRED OF OUR PASSENGERS,
TWO DIPLOMATIC CLONES..."



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AD
MYPERS
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SCOTTY, I—AH—COMMANDEERED
SOME ROMULAN BRANDY FROM
DR. MCCOY'S PRIVATE STORES.
FOR MEDICINAL
USE ONLY, OF
COURSE.



WHY DON'T WE
TALK ABOUT IT?

TELL ME
ABOUT
YOUR
NEPHEW.



I COME FROM
A CLANNISH
PEOPLE,
ADMIRAL.

TO US, IT'S
FAMILY
THAT
MATTERS
MOST.

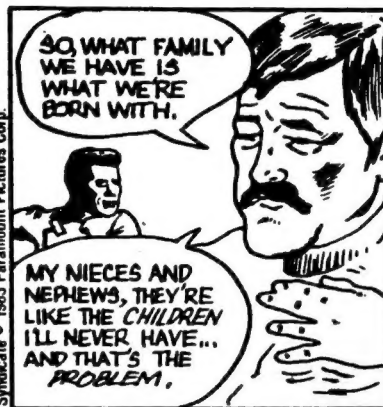


YOU KNOW HOW IT IS FOR
WE WHO'VE FALLEN IN
LOVE WITH SPACE.
ADMIRAL, WE RARELY
MARRY.



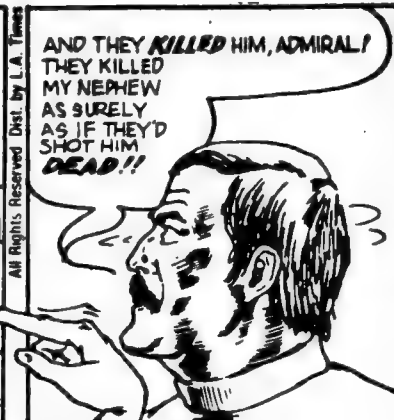
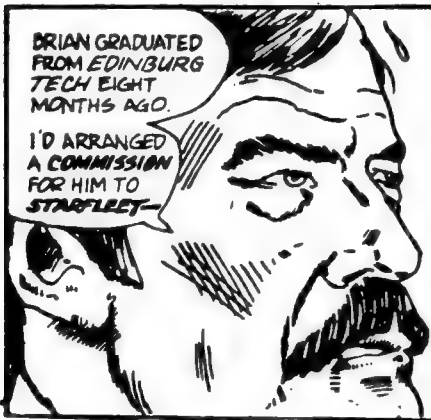
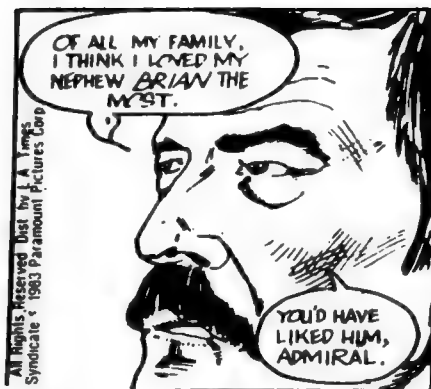
SO, WHAT FAMILY
WE HAVE IS
WHAT WE'RE
BORN WITH.

MY NIECES AND
NEPHEWS, THEY'RE
LIKE THE CHILDREN
I'LL NEVER HAVE...
AND THAT'S THE
PROBLEM.



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IT WAS AN ACCIDENT, THEY SAID. SOMETHING WENT WRONG DURING THE **CLONING PROCEDURE**.

ALL I KNOW IS, MY DEAR NEPHEW -- **DIED!!**

BUT YOU CAN'T BLAME OUR **PASSENGERS** FOR THAT, SCOTTY.

CAN'T I, ADMIRAL? THEY'RE **COURIER CLONES**. AREN'T THEY?

AYE, THEY'RE **FREAKS** -- HEATHEN **MONSTERS** WHOSE LIKE KILLED MY LADDIE!

I **BLAME 'EM** SIR! I **BLAME 'EM** ALL!!

ANY LUCK TALKING SENSE TO OUR ANGRY **ENGINEERING OFFICER**?

I MAKE A POOR **CONFESSOR, BONES**.

NONSENSE, JIM. I'M SURE SCOTTY WAS GLAD TO **SEE YOU**.

ACTUALLY, HE WAS **MORE GLAD TO SEE YOUR ROMULAN BRANDY**.

MY WHAT? YOU **DIDN'T** -- TELL ME YOU **DIDN'T!!**

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STARDATE 9582.92: THE U.S.S. ENTERPRISE EN ROUTE TO THE SANGDOR PRINCIPALITY...

TELL ME IT'S NOT TRUE, JIM!



TELL ME YOU AND SCOTTY DIDN'T FINISH THE LAST OF MY PRIZE ROMULAN BRANDY!

100 THOUSANDS 3 19

ALL RIGHT, BONES. I WON'T TELL YOU.

LET'S JUST SAY IT DIED IN A NOBLE CAUSE.



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I'M WOUNDED, JIM. TO THINK THAT A STARFLEET ADMIRAL WOULD STEAL A DOCTOR'S MEDICINAL BRANDY.

POSSESSION OF ROMULAN BRANDY IS ILLEGAL, BONES. BESIDES, I NEEDED TO PUT SCOTTY AT EASE.

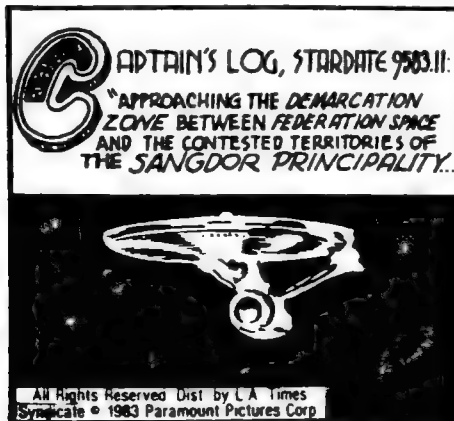


- SO I COULD FIND OUT WHY HE HAS SUCH A HATE FOR OUR PASSENGERS, THOSE TWO DIPLOMATIC COURIER CLONES.

NOW I KNOW.

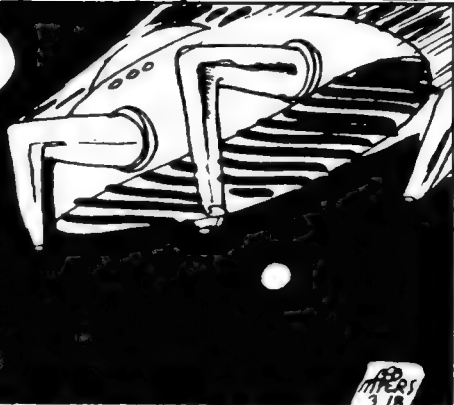


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CAPTAINS LOG, STARDATE 9583.13:
"IN THE DEMARCATION ZONE
BETWEEN THE SANGDOR PRIN-
CIPALITY AND FEDERATION SPACE..."

TEN SECONDS
TO COLLISION
ADMIRAL.



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USING THEIR WARSHIP
AS A BATTERING RAM IS
A SANGDOR TACTICAL
TECHNIQUE.

THEIR HEAVY BOW ARMOR
GIVES THEM CONSIDERABLE
ADVAN-
TAGE.

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--I NEED
FULL
POWER,
HARD
ASTERN!!

CAN YOU HEAR
ME, SCOTTY?

ADMIRAL--COMMANDER
SCOTT--HE'S OFF
STATION!!



WHAT?

IF
COMMANDER
SCOTT
ISN'T AT
HIS POST,
WHERE
IS HE?

I DON'T
KNOW
SIR.

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... IT HAPPENED WHEN THOSE TWO
COURIER CLONES CAME IN.

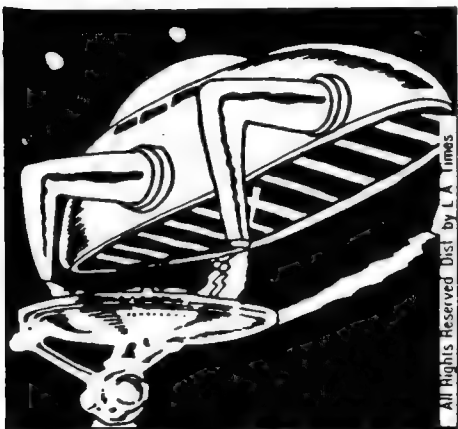
COMMANDER
SCOTT LEFT
WITH THEM,
ADMIRAL,
AND I HAVEN'T
SEEN HIM
SINCE!!

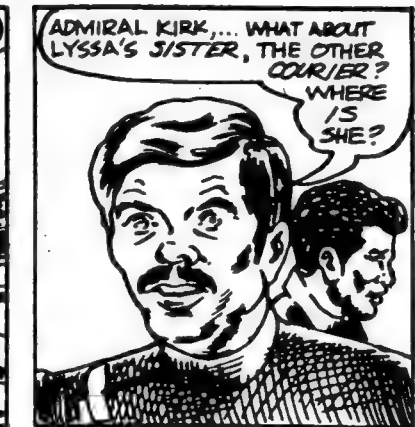
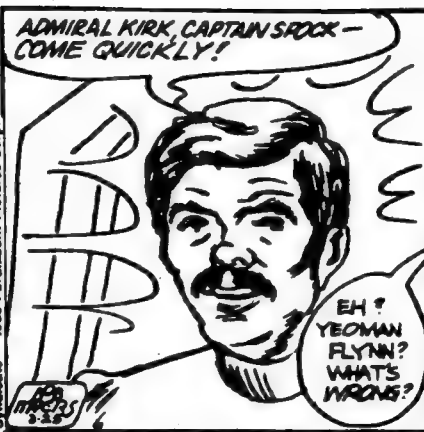
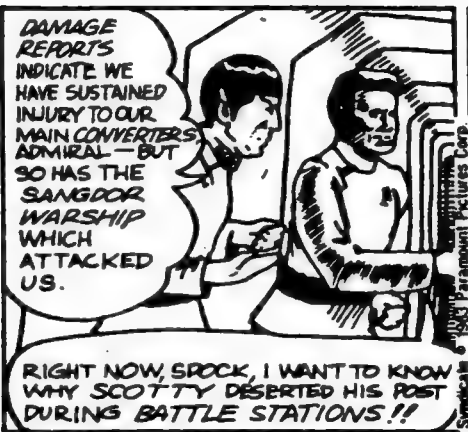
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NEVERMIND.
GIVE ME FULL
POWER ON ALL
ENGINES!!

WE'VE GOT
TO BREAK
THE SANGDOR
TRACTOR BEAM
IN THE NEXT
TWO SECONDS--
OR WE'RE
FINISHED!!





CAPTAIN'S LOG, STARDATE 9583.10:
"WE SUMMONED DR MCGOY TO THE
COURIER CLONES' CABIN; HE
REACTED JUST AS WE DID..."



"I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT!"

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THERE SEEMS
NO ROOM FOR DOUBT,
DOCTOR. THIS YOUNG
WOMAN IS DEAD...
AND COMMANDER SCOTT
WAS DISCOVERED WITH
THE MURDER WEAPON.



FOR HEAVEN'S
SAKE,
SPOCK, ARE
YOU ACCUSING
SCOTTY OF
MURDER?!



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YOU KILLER! WHAT DID YOU DO TO HER
SISTER?!

YEOMAN
FLYNN,
THAT'S
ENOUGH!!



MURDERER! YOU KILLED LYSSA - BUT
WHAT DID YOU DO TO HER SISTER?!
WHAT DID YOU DO TO HER TWIN?!!
YOU LOUSY -



SPOCK!

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UNGH

THYERS
J-29

CRASH!

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JIM... SPOCK...
I HEARD SOME-
THING FROM THAT
CLOSET DOOR!!



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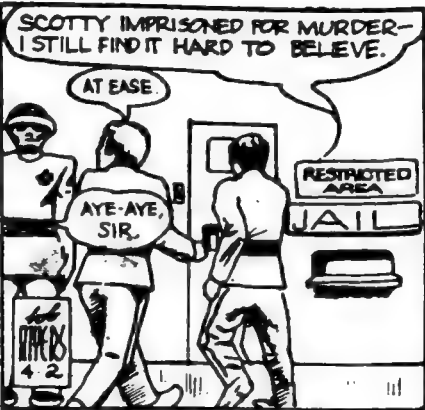
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CAPTAIN'S LOG STARDATE 9583.30



WORDS, ADMIRAL. YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE FACTS. AND YOU SAW WITH YOUR OWN EYES—I WAS THERE WITH THE WEAPON IN MY HAND AND THE GIRL DEAD AT MY FEET.

LET THEM SAY

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THEN YOU'RE ADMITTING IT, SCOTTY?

YOU'RE SAYING YOU KILLED HER?

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MAY SIR! I SAID THOSE WERE THE FACTS, BUT THE TRUTH, NOW THERE'S ANOTHER MATTER! ADMIRAL KIRK, SIR,—I SWEAR BY HEAVEN, I NEVER TOUCHED HER... I'M INNOCENT!!

THERE YOU HAVE IT, SPOCK. SCOTTY SAYS HE FOLLOWED THE CLONE-SISTERS FROM THE ENGINE ROOM TO THEIR CABIN... —TO WARN THEM NOT TO WANDER IN OFF LIMITS AREAS HE ADMITS HE WAS ANGRY.



LET THEM SAY


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BUT HE INSISTS SOMEONE STRUCK HIM AS HE ENTERED THEIR ROOM—AND WHEN HE CAME TO, DAZED, HE FOUND ONE OF THE GIRLS DEAD, AND THE KNIFE IN HIS HAND.

AN IMPROBABLE STORY, ADMIRAL...

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BUT SOMETIMES THE MOST IMPROBABLE STORIES ARE TRUE.

HOWEVER, WE HAVE ANOTHER, MORE PRESSING CONCERN: THE SANGREO WARSHIP!



WITH
YOUR
PER-
MISSION,
ADMIRAL?

GO AHEAD
CAPT. TAPSCOTT

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THE SANGDOR WARSHIP IS FIFTY
THOUSAND KILOMETERS ASTERN,
ADMIRAL—AND CLOSING FAST.

APPARENTLY
THEIR
CONVERTERS
WERE NOT
AS BADLY
DAMAGED
AS OUR
OWN
WERE
IN THE
RECENT
ENCOUNTER.

IT'S DARK

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CAN'T WE
COMMUNICATE
WITH THEM, JIM?
TELL THEM WE'RE
ON A PEACE
MISSION?

WOULD
THEY BELIEVE
US—WITH ONE
PEACE MESSENGER
DEAD
AND THE OTHER
CATATONIC?



WE HAVE
NO CHOICE BUT
TO TRY SUBSPACE
RADIO, ADMIRAL.

IF WE CAN
ASSURE THE SANGDOR
SHIP OF OUR PEACEFUL
INTENTIONS—

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—WE MIGHT
YET AVERT
POTENTIAL
CONFLICT.

IT'S DARK
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IT'S WORTH A
TRY, SPOCK.
BRIDGE: THIS IS ADMIRAL KIRK.
RAISE THE SANGDOR WARSHIP.

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I—I'M SORRY,
ADMIRAL,
BUT ALL
FREQUENCIES
ARE
JAMMED.

WHATEVER YOU WANT
TO SAY, SIR—THE SANGDORIANS
DON'T WANT TO HEAR.

IRONIC,
ISN'T IT? WE
COME ON A DIP-
LOMATIC MIS-
SION, BEARING
A MESSAGE OF
PEACE—

—AND BEFORE
WE CAN DELIVER
IT, WE END UP
IN
BATTLE!



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—TELL ME,
JIM, IS THE
WHOLE
UNIVERSE
INSANE,
OR
IS IT JUST
ME??

66
MIVERS
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MR SULK!!

SITUATION
REPORT!!



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WE'VE
TAKEN
A
PHOTON TORPEDO
HIT ON OUR
PORT SHIELDS,
ADMIRAL—
AND THE
SANDER
WARSHIP
HAS
FIRED
ANOTHER.

ESTIMATED
MOMENT
OF
IMPACT—

66
MIVERS
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CAPTAIN'S LOG

Star date 9587.2:
Power levels dangerously
low; the Enterprise
stands dead in space...



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WE'VE LOST POWER FOR EVERYTHING
EXCEPT LIFE SUPPORT AND
PARTIAL SHIELDS.

THE NEXT PHOTON
TORPEDO LAUNCHED
AGAINST THE
ENTERPRISE
MAY WELL
BE THE
LAST!!

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OUR DEADLINE
FOR WHAT, JIM?
YOU SAID YOURSELF,
WE'RE
HELPLESS!

NOT
QUITE,
DOCTOR
M'COY.

I
BELIEVE
ADMIRAL
KIRK
HAS
AN
IDEA!!



A VERY SLIM CHANCE, SPOCK.
WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT
HAPPENED TO OUR
DIPLOMATS—HOW
ONE OF THEM WAS
KILLED.

AND WE NEED
TO DECIDE
THE PEACE
MESSAGE
THE TWO OF
THEM CARRIED
IN THEIR
GENETIC
CODE.

SICK
BAY

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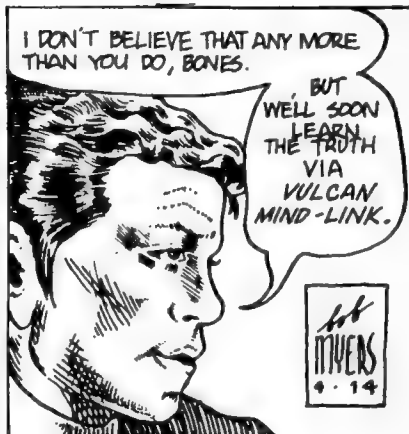
BUT WE
KNOW
WHO KILLED
THIS GIRL'S
SISTER JIM—
SCOTTY.
HE WAS PRACTIC-
ALLY CAUGHT
IN THE ACT.



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I DON'T BELIEVE THAT ANY MORE
THAN YOU DO, BONES.

BUT
WE'LL SOON
LEARN
THE TRUTH
VIA
VULCAN
MIND-LINK.



YOU'RE GOING TO FORCE SPOCK TO ENTER INTO MIND-LINK WITH A CATATONIC GIRL?

JIM THE **RISK!**
IT COULD
DAMAGE SPOCK'S
BRAIN!

NEED I REMIND YOU, DOCTOR, I AM A **VULCAN**, NOT A HUMAN—AND MY **BRAIN** HAS SURVIVED GREATER RISKS THAN **THIS**.

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HRRMPH. IS IT MY PARANOIA, OR DOES HE SAY THESE THINGS JUST TO ANNOY ME?

I ASSURE YOU, COMMANDER, WE WILL RESPOND TO YOUR ULTIMATUM JUST AS SOON AS WE CAN REACH THE CAPTAIN.

WE ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY WITH OUR SHIPBOARD COMMUNICATIONS. YOUR LAST TORPEDO DAMAGED OUR MAIN COMPUTER.

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WELL, I TRIED. DO YOU THINK HE **BOUGHT** IT?

LOOKS THAT WAY, LIEUTENANT. WE'LL KNOW IN MOMENTS.





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I CAN'T BELIEVE IT — SHE GOT AWAY!!

I KNEW COURIER CLONES WERE BRED GENETICALLY TO BE STRONGER THAN THE REST OF US — BUT THAT STRONG—?

SICK BAY

WINGS 4-22

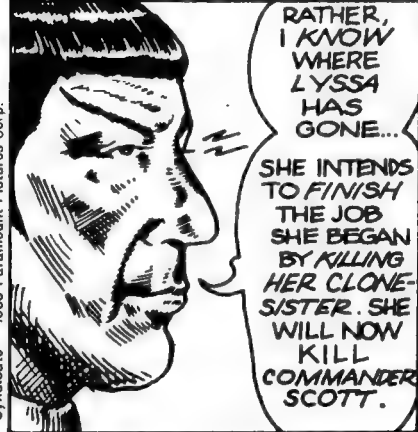
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YOU WERE IN MIND-LINK WITH HER, SPOCK. ANY GUESS WHERE SHE MIGHT GO?

NO ADMIRAL... NO GUESSES.

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RATHER, I KNOW WHERE LYSSA HAS GONE...

SHE INTENDS TO FINISH THE JOB SHE BEGAN BY KILLING HER CLONE-SISTER. SHE WILL NOW KILL COMMANDER SCOTT.



CONTINUED DELAY UNACCEPTABLE. DEMAND IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO SURRENDER ULTIMATUM.

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THAT'S THAT. I'M AFRAID. NO MORE STALLING.

I'D BETTER CONTACT ADMIRAL KIRK.

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BRIDGE TO SICK BAY. IS ADMIRAL KIRK THERE?

YOU JUST MISSED HIM, LIEUTENANT. BUT I'M NOT SURPRISED. THIS WHOLE SHIP HAS TURNED INTO A MADHOUSE!



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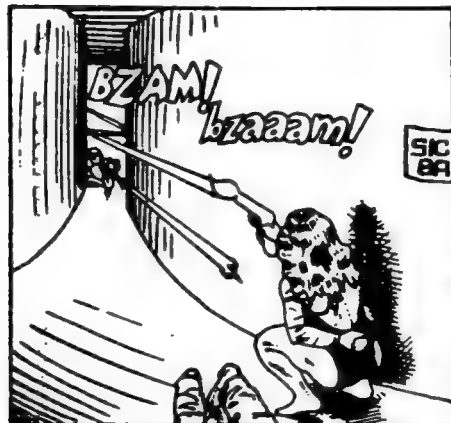
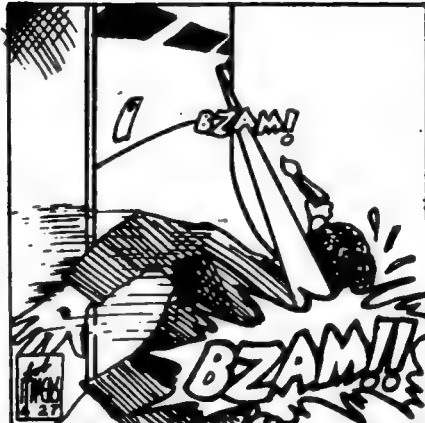


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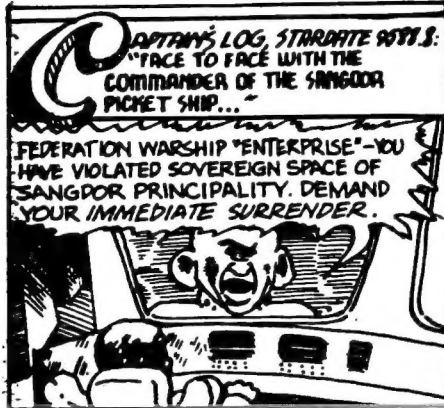
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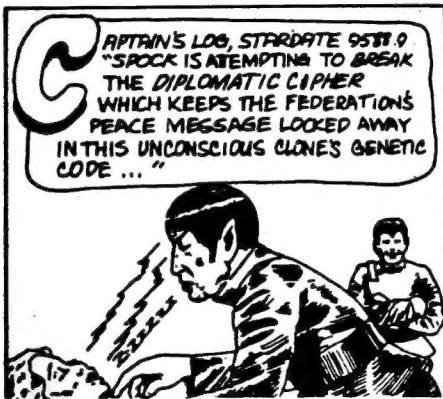


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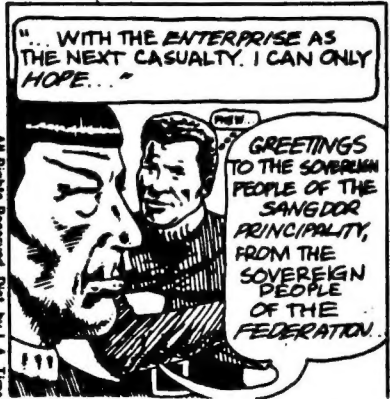




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IT'S GOOD TO BE
HEADING HOME,
BONES.

HOW'S
YOUR PRISONER-
PATIENT,
BY THE WAY?



THE LYSSA
CLONE? CAT-
ATONIC AGAIN
— THIS TIME
PERMANENTLY
I EXPECT.

SOMEHOW, IT SEEMS
ALMOST A FITTING
PUNISHMENT
FOR HER CRIMES.
AND—
SPEAKING OF
CRIMES —

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— I BELIEVE I
STOLE A BOTTLE
OF THIS FROM
YOU, A LITTLE
WHILE BACK?

MY
ROMULAN
BRANDY!

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THERE'S STILL
SOME LEFT...
JUST ENOUGH
FOR ONE TOAST.

WHAT WILL WE
DRINK TO, JIM?



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CONSIDERING ALL WE'VE
BEEN THROUGH, BONES,
I CAN THINK OF ONLY
ONE THING...

bot
MIVERS
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TO PEACE.

AMEN.



NEXT:

GOODBYE TO SPOCK!